TEXAS
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TEXAS ECONOMIC GROWTH SLOWS

Unemployment Rises Seasonally

The July 1989 actual Texas unemployment rate rose to 7.3 percent, a slight increase from the June rate of 7.1 percent. There were 614,500 Texans seeking work in mid-July, up almost 27,000 from the June level. Total employment in July was estimated at 7,813,200, 68,000 above the previous month. There were an estimated 232,600 agricultural workers in Texas in July.

The current unemployment rate of 7.3 percent was moderately above the 6.6 percent recorded in July 1988. It is not unusual for unemployment to be relatively high in July, however, as graduates and other jobseekers continue entering the labor force through the early summer months.

The seasonally adjusted Statewide unemployment rate increased from 6.1 percent in June to 7.2 percent in July. The current rate in this series was also above the year-ago estimate of 6.6 percent. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted rate inched down from 5.3 percent in June to 5.3 percent in July and was marginally below the July 1988 rate of 5.4 percent. The actual U. S. rate slid from 5.5 percent to 5.3 percent over the month, down from 5.5 percent a year ago.

Certain MSA's Show Stronger Growth

Although Statewide economic growth seems to have slowed considerably since a year ago, a few Metropolitan Areas in Texas have experienced much stronger expansion (see the **Graph** on page 3). The **Houston MSA**, for example, has generated an estimated 39,000 additional Nonfarm Salaried Jobs between July 1988 and July 1989. This area has recovered to a significant extent from the sharp decline brought about by the oil and gas crisis in 1986. This is one of the few areas in Texas where Construction employment has improved considerably during the past year. Most of the recent job creation in Houston has been in Trade, Services, and Government.

The other MSA's which are generating higher-than-average numbers of new jobs are the border areas—particularly McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and Laredo. Since these are smaller areas, the size of the expansion is not nearly as great as in Houston, but [*continued on page 3*] ☞

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July'89	June'89	July'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,238.0	125,569.0	123,889.0
Unemployment	6,736.0	6,850.0	6,823.0
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%
Total Employment	119,502.0	118,719.0	117,066.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,956.0	124,102.0	121,658.0
Unemployment	6,497.0	6,561.0	6,624.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%
Total Employment	117,459.0	117,541.0	115,034.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,427.7	8,332.9	8,448.2
Unemployment	614.5	587.7	559.3
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.1%	6.6%
Total Employment	7,813.2	7,745.2	7,888.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,241.0	8,223.0	8,262.0
Unemployment	596.0	502.0	543.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.1%	6.6%
Total Employment	7,645.0	7,721.0	7,719.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**
TOTAL	48,400	49,000	48,200	76,700	77,600	77,700	346,100	351,300	344,100	134,000	134,100	132,200
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,900	8,800	8,700	9,600	41,800	41,300	41,200	25,600	25,600	25,900
Mining	1,800	1,900	2,100	1,300	1,400	1,400	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,900	1,900	2,100	4,000	3,900	4,000	13,200	13,200	14,600	9,200	9,000	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,300	5,700	5,700	5,800	10,500	10,500	10,500	9,400	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,600	13,600	13,400	22,600	22,700	23,000	76,000	75,800	76,600	32,700	32,600	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,100	4,100	4,400	23,900	24,000	24,500	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,800	12,800	17,600	17,600	17,200	86,500	86,200	84,500	30,800	30,500	29,600
Government	8,500	9,000	8,200	12,600	13,500	12,500	93,500	99,600	91,500	19,300	19,900	19,000

	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	60,800	61,500	56,600	70,200	70,100	66,200	49,300	49,300	47,500	127,100	126,700	123,800
Manufacturing	16,300	16,200	15,600	10,200	10,100	10,000	3,600	3,600	3,400	11,300	11,500	11,700
Mining	2,000	1,900	2,100	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,200	4,200	4,100
Construction	7,400	7,800	6,800	2,300	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,800	1,900	9,600	9,600	8,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,700	2,700	3,200	3,000	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600	6,500	6,300	6,700
Trade	11,200	11,300	11,000	18,200	18,400	18,000	10,800	10,900	10,700	32,000	31,600	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	6,800
Services & Misc.	6,700	6,600	6,100	16,200	16,100	16,000	9,500	9,300	8,700	28,800	28,800	28,400
Government	10,400	11,100	10,300	16,500	16,700	15,300	20,000	20,000	19,000	27,800	27,800	26,600

	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,348.3	1,351.8	1,344.3	195,400	196,700	190,600	538,700	539,100	528,200	73,200	73,200	72,900
Manufacturing	222.4	222.1	224.0	40,500	40,600	40,200	121,300	121,100	121,800	8,500	8,500	8,100
Mining	17.3	17.4	18.9	–	–	–	3,900	4,000	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	51.9	51.2	56.2	8,600	8,800	9,400	22,900	22,600	22,800	5,000	4,900	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	95.1	94.6	92.1	11,000	10,900	10,800	31,900	31,700	30,700	4,700	4,700	4,800
Trade	349.4	350.8	347.7	48,800	48,500	45,900	139,400	139,500	135,000	14,700	14,700	14,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	127.2	126.8	130.8	8,500	8,400	8,800	27,100	27,200	27,200	4,200	4,300	4,300
Services & Misc.	340.9	339.4	330.9	39,300	39,400	38,800	125,500	124,600	120,100	14,900	14,800	14,600
Government	144.1	149.5	143.7	38,700	40,100	36,700	66,700	68,400	64,900	20,700	20,800	21,400

	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,474.2	1,477.3	1,435.2	72,300	73,200	71,000	40,100	39,700	38,000	66,600	66,600	66,700
Manufacturing	156.7	159.1	154.1	8,700	8,600	8,600	1,800	1,900	1,900	15,700	15,600	16,200
Mining	66.1	66.2	66.3	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	91.3	91.0	90.0	3,400	3,800	3,500	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,300	3,300	3,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.7	100.3	101.1	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,400	5,200	4,900	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	367.5	366.6	357.8	16,800	16,800	16,400	12,600	12,400	11,200	17,300	17,300	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.3	99.6	102.3	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	403.0	401.4	383.8	16,500	16,600	15,900	6,300	6,300	6,100	12,700	12,500	12,200
Government	187.6	193.1	179.8	21,100	21,400	20,900	9,400	9,300	9,100	8,200	8,500	8,000

	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,400	93,400	92,800	96,800	96,700	91,000	43,500	43,900	44,600	41,500	41,900	42,800
Manufacturing	7,600	7,500	7,200	14,300	14,900	12,300	2,500	2,400	2,700	4,000	4,000	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,500	9,600	10,300	5,600	5,500	6,100
Construction	3,300	3,100	3,400	4,200	4,200	4,100	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,600	4,600	4,700	3,300	3,200	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,100	28,100	28,200	29,100	29,700	28,700	10,000	10,000	10,000	12,600	12,600	12,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,400	3,800	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,500	23,000	16,100	16,100	15,600	9,700	9,700	9,800	7,300	7,300	7,200
Government	21,300	20,600	20,500	25,100	25,900	22,800	6,000	6,300	5,900	6,600	7,100	6,900

	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,000	36,300	35,900	505,100	509,100	495,000	36,700	36,600	37,700	45,400	46,100	43,900
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,300	48,200	48,300	47,500	11,200	11,100	11,800	7,700	7,700	7,200
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	2,000	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,600	22,300	22,400	25,100	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,100	19,200	19,000	19,300	1,700	1,800	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	9,200	9,200	8,900	128,100	128,800	128,100	7,900	7,800	7,900	10,800	10,700	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,400	40,400	39,800	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,200	8,200	130,900	130,500	125,100	8,200	8,100	8,400	9,700	9,600	9,500
Government	6,800	7,200	6,500	114,000	117,700	107,800	4,100	4,300	4,200	11,800	12,500	11,300

	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	60,900	61,400	60,300	27,800	28,300	27,500	78,700	79,200	77,900	50,000	50,400	50,700
Manufacturing	10,500	10,900	10,400	3,100	3,100	3,100	15,300	15,200	14,600	8,100	8,100	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,900	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,500	1,600	3,400	3,500	3,700	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,100	16,100	16,100	7,800	7,800	7,300	18,900	19,000	18,900	12,100	12,100	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,300	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,000	14,800	14,600	6,000	6,100	5,900	20,900	20,900	20,800	11,800	11,900	11,900
Government	9,300	9,700	8,900	5,100	5,600	4,700	11,900	12,300	11,800	9,300	9,600	9,700

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their percentage increases far exceed the Statewide rate. **McAllen-Edinburg-Mission** has added close to 7,000 jobs between July 1988 and July 1989, for a 6.4 percent increase. This is one of the few areas where Manufacturing employment has continued to expand fairly rapidly during the past year, due in part to the Maquiladora (or Twin Plant) Program.

The **Laredo MSA**'s Nonfarm Salaried Jobs count has increased by 5.5 percent over the year, although that gain represented only 2,100 additional jobs. While Transportation, Communications and Utilities has shown strong growth in this area, the bulk of the increase was concentrated in Trade.

El Paso has added close to 5,000 jobs during the year, for a 2.5 percent increase. **Brownsville-Harlingen**'s growth rate also outstripped the Statewide average, at 2.9 percent, although this area has gained only 2,000 new jobs.

The seeming contradiction of the border areas' relatively strong economies and their higher unemployment rates is due in part to the fact that population in these areas is expanding at such a fast rate that economic growth cannot keep pace.

Statewide Jobs Count Declines

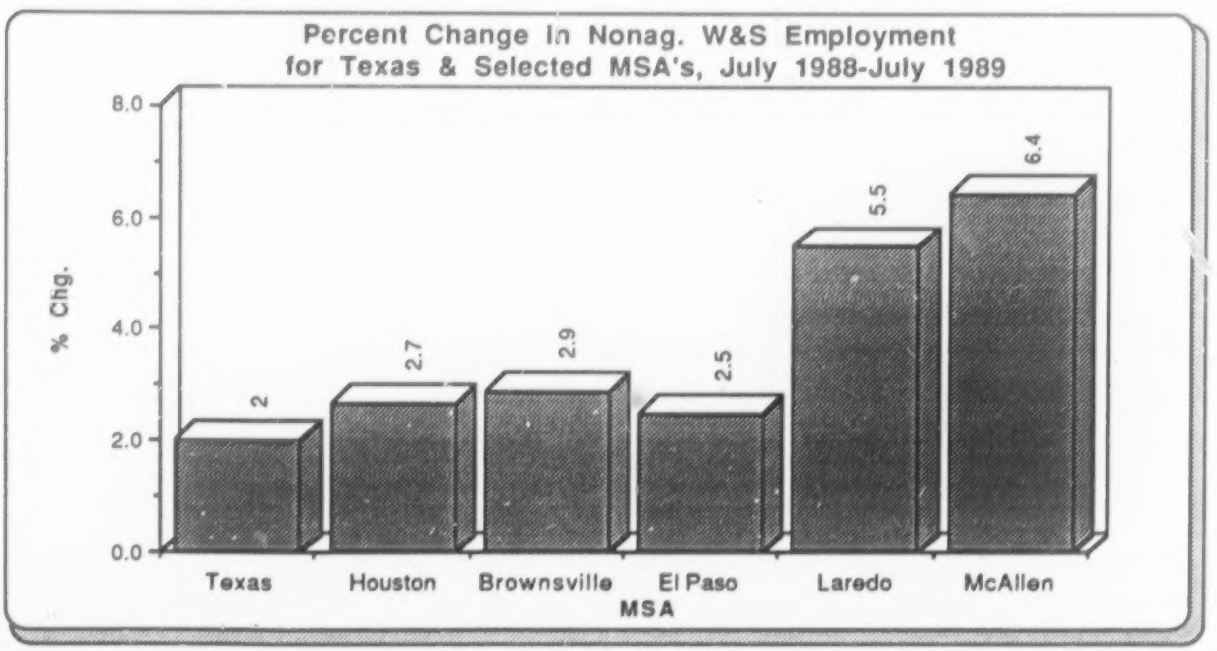
For the first time in 1989, **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** dropped between June and July, as 11,000 jobs were deleted Statewide. The July estimate of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs totaled 6,779,600—still over 134,000 above the year-ago level. Most of the monthly declines were seasonal, and the largest portion of these losses occurred in Local Government.

Total **Government** employment dropped by over 19,000 between June and July, due primarily to the release of auxiliary workers in local schools at the end of the spring term. Moderate increases as state agencies hired temporary workers for the summer did little to offset the larger decline in Local Government.

Wholesale and Retail Trade also lost jobs over the month, decreasing by 3,600. The largest cutbacks were in Eating and Drinking Places, where employment normally peaks in June and then begins to decline moderately. Food Stores also recorded a sizeable number of job deletions in July as some temporary workers left their jobs.

Sizeable gains in two sectors pushed employment up by 8,500 in **Services** over the month. Business and Repair Services expanded due primarily to increased hiring of temporary workers; and Educational Services rose as workers were hired for the summer school session.

Construction reached its highest level thus far in 1989, with most of the growth among Special Trade Contractors. Employment rose by 1,800 between June and July. Another 1,800 jobs were created in [*continued on page 7*] ☞



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	July'89*	June'89**	July'88**	Chg. from June'89	Chg. from July'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,779,600	6,790,600	6,645,500	-11,000	134,100
MANUFACTURING	972,900	974,600	959,900	-1,700	13,000
Durable Goods	559,700	560,000	556,200	-300	3,500
Lumber & Wood Products	32,400	32,400	34,800	0	-2,400
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,600	7,300	200	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	15,700	15,600	15,500	100	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,800	41,900	42,300	-100	-500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,300	17,400	17,800	-100	-500
Primary Metal Industries	28,700	28,800	28,700	-100	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,700	78,500	76,400	200	2,300
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,300	37,100	35,900	200	1,400
Machinery, exc. Electrical	107,000	107,200	105,500	-200	1,500
Oil Field Machinery	24,500	24,700	25,800	-200	-1,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,400	117,400	117,900	0	-500
Transportation Equipment	98,400	98,100	97,300	300	1,100
Aircraft & Parts	56,700	56,500	55,900	200	800
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,900	25,100	24,000	-200	900
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,700	15,000	13,800	-300	900
Nondurable Goods	413,200	414,600	403,700	-1,400	9,500
Food & Kindred Products	96,700	97,900	95,600	-1,200	1,100
Meat Products	29,300	29,400	28,300	-100	1,000
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	9,800	-100	-200
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,700	0	200
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,600	59,400	56,600	-800	2,000
Paper & Allied Products	25,700	25,700	24,500	0	1,200
Printing & Publishing	76,000	75,800	75,400	200	600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,900	35,600	36,400	300	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,100	79,800	77,300	300	2,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,500	28,500	29,400	0	-900
Petroleum Refining	25,500	25,500	26,100	0	-600
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,000	8,200	100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,600	35,600	33,000	0	2,600
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,806,700	5,816,000	5,685,600	-9,300	121,100
Mining	177,100	176,600	186,800	500	-9,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	9,000	9,800	0	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,100	167,600	177,000	500	-8,900
Construction	316,700	314,900	336,700	1,800	-20,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	402,100	400,300	393,800	1,800	8,300
Railroad Transportation	19,200	19,200	20,800	0	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	225,200	223,700	214,200	1,500	11,000
Transportation by Air	69,700	69,300	65,100	400	4,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,300	81,000	82,000	300	-700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,400	76,400	76,800	0	-400
Electric Services	41,200	41,300	41,300	-100	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,200	27,200	27,900	0	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,670,000	1,673,600	1,664,700	-3,600	5,300
Wholesale Trade	418,900	417,300	412,600	1,600	6,300
Retail Trade	1,251,100	1,256,300	1,252,100	-5,200	-1,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	44,300	44,700	43,900	-400	400
General Merchandise Stores	171,900	171,600	163,700	300	8,200
Food Stores	216,100	217,300	224,000	-1,200	-7,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,500	134,500	138,900	0	-4,400
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,500	83,000	83,400	500	100
Eating & Drinking Places	420,800	423,300	420,300	-2,500	500
Other Retail Trade	180,000	181,900	177,900	-1,900	2,100
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	442,600	441,500	442,200	1,100	400
Banking	97,400	97,300	94,800	100	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,200	144,700	141,500	500	3,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,000	199,500	205,900	500	-5,900
Services	1,606,800	1,598,300	1,536,000	8,500	70,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,200	85,600	83,000	-400	2,200
Personal Services	85,100	85,500	86,000	-400	-900
Business & Repair Services	456,600	450,800	428,300	5,800	28,300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	64,100	64,000	61,900	100	2,200
Health Services	439,900	440,400	422,300	-500	17,600
Educational Services	69,600	67,200	68,300	2,400	1,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	406,300	404,800	386,200	1,500	20,100
Total Government	1,191,400	1,210,800	1,125,400	-19,400	66,000
Federal Government	199,700	200,000	194,800	-300	4,900
State Government	247,400	238,700	231,400	8,700	16,000
Local Government	744,300	772,100	699,200	-27,800	45,100

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚ TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**	JULY'89*	JUNE'89**	JULY'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,400	53,200	53,400	99,400	98,800	102,100	421,700	421,100	426,800
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,700	3,000	5,800	5,500	5,500	26,300	25,000	24,300
Percent Unemployed	7.1%	7.0%	5.6%	5.8%	5.6%	5.4%	6.2%	5.9%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	49,600	49,500	50,400	93,600	93,300	96,600	395,400	396,100	402,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,800	162,700	165,100	84,900	84,900	83,900	102,000	100,400	99,900
Total Unemployment	16,200	15,900	15,400	6,500	6,500	6,200	13,100	12,800	12,000
Percent Unemployed	9.8%	9.8%	9.3%	7.7%	7.7%	7.4%	12.8%	12.7%	12.0%
Total Employment ++	148,600	146,800	149,700	78,400	78,400	77,700	88,900	87,600	87,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,400	58,500	58,000	160,700	159,000	160,800	1,472.4	1,447.8	1,493.7
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,800	2,500	14,200	14,500	14,200	91.6	83.6	79.3
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	4.8%	4.3%	8.8%	9.1%	8.8%	6.2%	5.8%	5.3%
Total Employment ++	56,400	55,700	55,500	146,500	144,500	146,600	1,380.8	1,364.2	1,414.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	245,700	244,000	242,500	702,500	691,600	702,400	110,100	107,700	112,800
Total Unemployment	27,100	26,800	23,400	42,400	40,900	40,100	8,800	8,300	9,000
Percent Unemployed	11.0%	11.0%	9.6%	6.0%	5.9%	5.7%	8.0%	7.7%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	218,600	217,200	219,100	660,100	650,700	662,300	101,300	99,400	103,800
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,672.1	1,648.9	1,656.6	98,000	97,400	97,500	49,500	48,700	47,500
Total Unemployment	108.9	104.7	104.0	7,600	7,600	6,800	5,900	5,800	5,300
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.3%	6.3%	7.8%	7.8%	7.0%	11.9%	11.9%	11.2%
Total Employment ++	1,563.2	1,544.2	1,552.6	90,400	89,800	90,700	43,600	42,900	42,200
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,200	79,900	81,600	116,500	113,400	116,200	154,900	157,300	147,000
Total Unemployment	7,500	7,200	6,300	7,200	6,400	5,800	25,200	23,100	21,500
Percent Unemployed	9.2%	9.0%	7.7%	6.2%	5.6%	5.0%	16.3%	14.7%	14.6%
Total Employment ++	73,700	72,700	75,300	109,300	107,000	110,400	129,700	134,200	125,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,300	49,100	50,400	52,400	51,900	54,400	44,900	45,000	45,900
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,200	2,700	4,900	4,700	3,700	2,700	2,700	2,600
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.5%	5.4%	9.4%	9.1%	6.8%	6.0%	6.0%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	45,900	45,900	47,700	47,500	47,200	50,700	42,200	42,300	43,300
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	616,600	611,700	617,100	48,000	47,500	50,300	58,500	58,900	58,200
Total Unemployment	49,600	48,500	46,100	3,000	3,000	2,900	4,400	4,700	4,400
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	7.9%	7.5%	6.3%	6.3%	5.8%	7.5%	8.0%	7.6%
Total Employment ++	567,000	563,200	571,000	45,000	44,500	47,400	54,100	54,200	53,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,800	75,100	76,000	36,700	36,600	36,900	92,700	92,000	93,700
Total Unemployment	5,800	5,400	5,200	2,400	2,300	2,300	5,800	5,700	6,100
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	7.2%	6.8%	6.5%	6.3%	6.2%	6.3%	6.2%	6.5%
Total Employment ++	70,000	69,700	70,800	34,300	34,300	34,600	86,900	86,300	87,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,400	56,900	58,800				8,427.7	8,332.9	8,448.2
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,500	3,100				614.5	587.7	559.3
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.2%	5.3%				7.3%	7.1%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	53,700	53,400	55,700				7,813.2	7,745.2	7,888.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July'89*	June'89	July'88	July'89*	June'89	July'88	July'89*	June'89	July'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 423.54	$ 425.76	$ 417.00	41.2	41.7	41.7	$ 10.28	10.21	10.00
Durable Goods	417.99	424.87	412.00	41.1	41.9	41.7	10.17	10.14	9.88
Lumber & Wood Products	282.10	286.30	288.67	40.3	40.9	40.6	7.00	7.00	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	262.36	247.73	275.37	38.3	36.7	41.1	6.85	6.75	6.70
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	405.45	397.52	404.07	42.5	42.2	42.4	9.54	9.42	9.53
Primary Metal Industries	461.49	468.10	443.69	42.3	42.4	41.7	10.91	11.04	10.64
Fabricated Metal Products	385.22	389.05	382.12	42.1	42.8	42.6	9.15	9.09	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	414.24	420.73	419.00	41.3	42.2	41.9	10.03	9.97	10.00
Oil Field Machinery	498.61	498.77	491.01	44.4	44.1	44.8	11.23	11.31	10.96
Electric & Electronic Equip.	458.20	477.36	423.31	39.5	41.8	40.2	11.60	11.42	10.53
Transportation Equipment	548.22	570.64	554.99	41.5	43.1	43.7	13.21	13.24	12.70
Instruments & Related Prod.	387.53	391.95	385.92	40.2	40.2	40.2	9.64	9.75	9.60
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	291.80	286.63	264.65	39.7	40.2	37.7	7.35	7.13	7.02
Nondurable Goods	430.97	426.62	421.41	41.4	41.5	41.6	10.41	10.28	10.13
Food & Kindred Products	353.64	354.90	353.62	42.1	42.1	42.4	8.40	8.43	8.34
Meat Products	263.91	263.91	262.81	41.3	41.3	41.0	6.39	6.39	6.41
Malt Beverages	857.35	925.38	972.84	44.7	48.5	52.7	19.18	19.08	18.46
Textile Mill Products	332.54	343.35	313.85	43.3	45.0	42.7	7.68	7.63	7.35
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	199.23	206.44	198.50	37.1	38.3	38.1	5.37	5.39	5.21
Paper & Allied Products	486.95	489.63	476.54	43.4	43.6	43.8	11.22	11.23	10.88
Printing & Publishing	406.12	396.81	393.57	38.9	38.6	39.2	10.44	10.28	10.04
Chemicals & Allied Products	705.26	689.63	660.45	44.3	43.4	42.5	15.92	15.89	15.54
Petroleum & Coal Products	731.14	720.50	725.15	45.3	45.4	46.1	16.14	15.87	15.73
Petroleum Refining	760.13	747.74	754.69	45.3	45.4	46.3	16.78	16.47	16.30
Leather & Leather Products	246.31	251.07	226.59	39.6	40.3	38.8	6.22	6.23	5.84
Other Nondurable Goods	388.92	390.64	405.10	42.0	42.6	43.7	9.26	9.17	9.27
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	523.38	519.95	512.41	39.5	39.6	40.7	13.25	13.13	12.59
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	564.53	544.29	546.15	47.4	45.7	46.6	11.91	11.91	11.72
Oil & Gas Extraction	521.04	518.62	510.20	39.0	39.2	40.3	13.36	13.23	12.66
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	527.31	524.11	505.53	40.5	40.1	39.9	13.02	13.07	12.67
Elec., Gas & San. Services	517.59	491.57	490.88	40.5	39.9	41.6	12.78	12.32	11.80
Wholesale & Retail Trade	240.04	237.14	232.36	33.2	32.8	33.1	7.23	7.23	7.02
Wholesale Trade	417.35	411.59	396.58	39.9	39.5	39.5	10.46	10.42	10.04
Retail Trade	186.89	184.80	183.14	31.2	30.8	31.2	5.99	6.00	5.87
General Merchandise Stores	186.93	181.20	179.95	31.0	30.0	30.5	6.03	6.04	5.90
Banking	295.14	271.90	276.64	40.1	37.4	38.8	7.36	7.27	7.13

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 422.10	$ 426.54	$ 407.95	41.1	41.9	41.5	$ 10.27	$ 10.18	9.83
Durable Goods	449.60	460.73	423.74	41.4	42.7	41.3	10.86	10.79	10.26
Nondurable Goods	376.25	372.41	381.22	40.5	40.7	41.8	9.29	9.15	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	448.51	454.30	445.17	40.7	41.3	41.8	11.02	11.00	10.65
Durable Goods	471.17	479.65	464.36	40.9	41.6	42.1	11.52	11.53	11.03
Nondurable Goods	396.15	394.47	398.11	40.3	40.5	41.0	9.83	9.74	9.71
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	521.40	519.20	500.69	44.0	44.0	43.5	11.85	11.80	11.51
Durable Goods	428.03	426.09	424.51	43.9	44.2	43.9	9.75	9.64	9.67
Nondurable Goods	634.48	633.35	594.35	44.0	43.8	43.1	14.42	14.46	13.79
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	298.15	306.06	296.11	39.7	40.7	39.8	7.51	7.52	7.44
Durable Goods	328.64	336.15	313.82	39.5	40.5	38.6	8.32	8.30	8.13
Nondurable Goods	271.15	280.17	280.57	39.7	40.9	40.9	6.83	6.85	6.86

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Transportation and Public Utilities over the month. The majority of this increase was centered in Transportation—particularly Trucking and Air Transportation. This sector gained 1,500 jobs as a result of both seasonal demand and general economic growth.

Moderate gains among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers and in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate pushed employment in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** up by just over 1,000 jobs in July. An additional 500 jobs were created in the Oil and Gas Extraction sector of **Mining** in July.

Manufacturing recorded a moderate number of layoffs over the month, dropping 1,700 jobs. Although both sectors lost positions in July, the majority of the decline was in Nondurable Goods. Within **Durable Goods**, the largest over-the-month change was an increase of 300 jobs in Transportation Equipment. Smaller gains and losses were interspersed among the other Durable Goods industries, leaving the sector down by 300 in July.

Two notable decreases occurred in **Nondurable Goods** in July. The largest was in Food and Kindred Products, as workers in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables were laid off following the summer canning season. A more moderate decline was reported in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products. The combination of these sizeable losses, partially offset by minor growth in other segments, dropped employment in Nondurable Goods by 1,400 over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	JULY '89	JULY '88
Total Population	16,901,000*	16,841,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.7
UI Covered Employers	308,789	311,565
Total Claims Actions	484,122	481,010
Total Initial Claims Actions	62,300	60,015
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	421,822	420,995
Total Placements	39,244	36,986
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.24	$152.76
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$52,044,776	$55,115,918

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Hours Decline; Earnings Rise

There were an estimated 629,400 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers in July—down 1,000 from the June level but 11,000 above the year-ago level. In mid-July, the average worker was earning $10.28 an hour for a 41.2-hour work week, bringing his Average Weekly Earnings to $423.54. Average Weekly Hours dropped by half an hour between June and July, while Average Hourly Earnings increased by 7¢. Despite the rise in hourly earnings, the fairly sharp decrease in the number of hours worked pushed Average Weekly Earnings down by $2.22 over the month. Most of the drop in the number of hours worked was centered in the Durable Goods sector, where Average Hours declined by 0.8 hour, while in Nondurable Goods the decrease was only 0.1 hour.

Although Average Weekly Hours also decreased by half an hour between July 1988 and July 1989, Average Hourly Earnings rose by 28¢ over the year, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $6.54.

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